

Supervisor Romaine Joins Patchogue-Medford Students for "A Day in the Life of the Carmans River"

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Farmingville, NY - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) spoke with students from the Patchogue-Medford School District during a hands-on science exploration of the Carmans River. Students and teachers from six schools in five school districts located in the Central Pine Barrens participated in the event

"The Carmans River is one of our most pristine and important waterways in the Town of Brookhaven," said Supervisor Romaine. "That's why I have worked with the Town Board to implement a plan to protect and preserve this environmental gem for generations to come. This event helped show students the beauty of this river, and the importance of saving what's left."

During this year's program, students compared last year's data to this year's to determine whether or not Super Storm Sandy and the new "old" inlet breach may have affected local river systems. Students looked at many possible effects, including; salinity, turbidity, erosion, biodiversity, downed debris and compare them to last year's data to determine how Super Storm Sandy changed the river.

The event was sponsored by the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission, Brookhaven National Laboratory's Portal to Discovery and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in conjunction with essential partnerships with Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, Ducks Unlimited, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, the Brook Trout Coalition, the Town of Brookhaven, Foundation for Ecological Research in the Northeast (FERN), the Post Morrow Foundation. Suffolk County Parks Department, US Geological Survey, and Eastern Suffolk BOCES. Participating classes were from Longwood School District, William Floyd School District, Patchogue-Medford School District, Rocky Point School District and South Country School District.

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